

## **Wharton County Junior College Nuclear Education Scholarship Program**

### **Executive Summary**

Wharton County Junior College proposes to establish a Nuclear Education Scholarship Program (NES Program). The goal of WCJC's NES Program is the improvement and expansion of educational opportunities for academically talented and financially needy students who enroll in Nuclear Power Technology majors at WCJC. The objectives of the program are to (1) recruit a 25-student cohort in the fall semester from among declared majors in Nuclear Power Technology and through recruitment efforts at high schools in the WCJC service area, especially in the communities in the vicinity of the South Texas Project near Bay City, Texas, and (2) award at least 25 scholarships averaging \$6,000 per year to these students. With this financial assistance to students in nuclear technology, the NES Program will enable at least 25 students or more to enroll in the college's nuclear technology program who might otherwise not be able to afford to enroll or continue to graduation. Women and minority students will be encouraged to apply for awards. This scholarship program will provide benefits to both students and local nuclear industry. Upon graduating from the program, students will possess the prerequisite skills needed to become employed by the nuclear power industry in the Texas Gulf Coast Region.

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